

The following bills were reported correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor:

A bill to amend an act to punish speculation in certain cases.

A joint resolution of thanks to Texas soldiers.<sup>18</sup>

The Senate then adjourned until tomorrow 9 o'clock A. M.

Senate Chamber, Wednesday, November 25, 1863  
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Davis presented the memorial of W. B. Burns relative to land. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

The Judiciary Committee recommended the passage of the following bills:

A bill to amend an act concerning common carriers and defining their liabilities.

A bill to define and punish the crime of disloyalty; and recommended that the following do not pass:

A bill to amend the 3rd section of the act to provide a uniform time for closing the fiscal years.

A bill to amend Articles 400 and 401 of the Penal Code.

The Finance Committee recommended the passage of a joint resolution for the relief of Messrs. Billips and Hassell.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Quayle requesting the Committee on Printing to procure 200 copies of the Governor's message which was adopted.

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<sup>18</sup>The resolution of thanks, as reported by the Texas State Gazette (Austin), December 7, 1863, is as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THANKS.—The following Resolution, which was recently passed by both Houses, unanimously declares:

"That in consideration of the patriotic service, personal sacrifice and distinguished gallantry of all Texan Soldiers who have been, and who are now in the Armies of the Confederate States and State of Texas, battling for Southern Honor and Independence, we, the Representatives of the State of Texas, for ourselves and in behalf of our constituents, tender to them, both officers and men, the sincere, heartfelt thanks of the people of the State of Texas; and that recognizing them as the brave defenders of our common liberties, we hereby pledge ourselves and the State to the support and maintenance of their families during their absence from home."

A resolution by Mr. Beasley instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the practicability of organizing all men between the ages of 50 and 60 years for home defense was adopted.

A resolution by Mr. Durant referring so much of the Governor's message as relates to the school system to Committee on Education was adopted.

A bill further regulating proceedings in the Supreme Court was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to amend the 1st section of an act concerning wills was read 2nd time and re-referred to Judiciary Committee.

The following bills were announced as having passed the House:

A bill for relief of A. J. Vaughn.

A bill to amend the caption and 1st section of an act relating to forfeitures, etc., was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to establish the boundaries of Live Oak and McMullen Counties was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on County Boundaries.

A bill to amend the 71st section of an act to regulate proceedings in County Court pertaining to estates of deceased persons was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend an act to organize County Courts was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend the 1st section of an act to regulate proceedings of the District Courts was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to authorize County Courts to regulate the pay of sheriffs in certain cases was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill defining the county line between the counties of Harrison and Marion was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on County Boundaries.

A bill to relieve Carro M. Quarles of the disability of minority was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend the acts to cede jurisdiction, etc., from the Senate.

A bill to suspend the location and survey of public

lands was read 2nd time and amended. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A joint resolution in relation to the repeal of all property exemption and property detail laws was read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Judiciary Committee on a bill to amend Article 392 of the Penal Code adversely thereto was adopted.

A bill donating land to Texas soldiers was considered and referred to a Select Committee of seven; whereupon Messrs. Jordan, White, Throckmorton, Weatherford, and Dickson [5] were announced as the Committee.

A bill for relief of pre-emption settlers was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rules suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Resolutions of respect to the memorial of the late Honorable Mark Milton Potter were presented by Mr. Hartley and unanimously adopted. Then the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Thursday, November 26, 1863  
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Public Lands reported adversely to a bill to repeal an act to provide for the sale of lots in the City of Austin.

The Judiciary Committee recommended the passage of the following bills:

A bill to authorize the County Courts to regulate the pay of sheriffs in certain cases.

A bill to amend the 1st Section of an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts.

A bill to amend the 71st section of an act to regulate proceedings in the County Courts pertaining to estates of deceased persons.

A bill to amend the caption and 1st section of an act relating to forfeitures.

A bill to relieve Carro M. Quarles of the disability of minority and recommend that a joint resolution proposing to amend the State Constitution do not pass.

The Committee on State Affairs recommended the